

bystanders might think in excess of one's social position or ability. In these cases vanity becomes its own punishment. The Kajans of the Mandalam refrain from injuring private or group interests from fear of public opinion. "Such a sentiment can exist only amongst those who have a feeling of shame strongly developed. Such is the case amongst these people, not only as to punishable offenses, but also in connection with their notions of propriety." <sup>1</sup> "Modesty was an unknown virtue to the bards of Vedic India. They bragged and begged without shame." <sup>2</sup> The same might be said of the troubadours of the Middle Ages.

450. Shame. Shame is felt when one is inferior, or is conscious of being, or of being liable to be, unfavorably regarded. Modesty is the reserve which keeps one from coming into judgment. One of the greatest reasons for covering the body is the conviction that it would not be admired if seen. One of us is ashamed if he is in excellent morning dress when the others wear evening dress, or ungloved when all the rest are gloved. A woman is ashamed to be without a crinoline or a bustle when all the rest wear them. A

man, when men wore wigs,  
 could  
 not appear before a lady  
 without his wig. An elderly  
 lady  
 says that when the present  
 queen of England brought in,  
 at her  
 marriage, the fashion of  
 brushing up the hair so as to  
 uncover  
 the ears, which had long been  
 covered, it seemed indecent.  
 No  
 woman now is ashamed to be  
 a woman, but in the first  
 Christian  
 centuries what they heard  
 about their sex might well  
 have made  
 them so. A woman is not  
 ashamed to be a widow in the  
 Occident,  
 but she may well be so in  
 India. A woman may be  
 ashamed to  
 be an old maid, or that she  
 has no children, or has only  
 girls. It  
 depends on the view current  
 in the mores, and on the  
 sensitive-  
 ness of the person to  
 unfavorable judgments.  
 "Shame, for  
 Arabs, occupies the place  
 which we ascribe to  
 conscience. ' The  
 tree lives only so long as its  
 bark lives; and the man only  
 so  
 long as he feels shame.'  
 Arabs, however, are not  
 ashamed in  
*abstracto*^ but before father  
 and mother, before relatives,  
 and  
 before common talk. ' Be  
 ashamed before Allah, as an  
 honor-  
 able man is ashamed before  
 his own people,' said  
 Mohammed to

<sup>1</sup> Nieuwenhuis, *In Centraal Borneo*^  
 I, 48. <sup>2</sup> Zimmer, *Altind.*  
*Leben*, 196.